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    **Biochemical reaction System,** )  
    **Biochemical Reaction Substrate,** )  
        **Process for Producing** )  
        **Hybridization Substrate and** )  
        **Hybridization Method** )  
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1. JP 2001-238674 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application.

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1. JP 2003-149238
2. JP 2001-330608
3. JP 2003-185656
4. JP 2003-202343
5. JP 2004-132720

English-language abstracts of the documents are enclosed.

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